

“Mississippi Health Benefits No Longer Requires Waiting Period”

STATEMENT FOR GOVERNOR MUSGROVE

I am happy to say that Mississippi has been given the go ahead to put into place a zero waiting period for Mississippi Health Benefits also known as the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. Now many more Mississippi families can take advantage of this money-saving program because the old six month waiting period has been abolished. Now qualifying families no longer have to fear the potential consequences of their children not having health insurance and can sign up immediately. I urge that every eligible child immediately be enrolled in this program because not insuring our children keeps them at risk. We are encouraged that the new zero waiting period will help us enroll even more Mississippi families in Mississippi Health Benefits.